

May6, 2009 Spring KEEC Council Meeting Minutes

Location: Good Shepherd Catholic Church, Frankfort KY

- ♦ Members Present: Horace Brown, Cheryl Messenger, Alan Branscum, and James Funk
- ♦ Staff Present: Jane Eller, Michelle Nevels, Merin Roseman

Horace Brown, Chairman, opened the meeting. Mr. Brown welcomed all attendees and asked for approval of the minutes. There being no quorum present, minutes could not be approved. Due to continued low attendance, Mr. Brown stated he would email all board members asking that they make increased efforts to attend meetings.

Mr. Brown asked Ms. Eller to proceed through the agenda.

Budget Overview

Ms. Eller addressed the current state of the budget. Each line item of the budget was discussed in detail. University of Kentucky has not been paid for their MOA at this time due to administrative issues with the MOA.

Transportation will not renew the MS4 Storm water Education Program this year. At the end of the federal fiscal year, Yvonne Meichtry and Julie Gee will no longer be employed by KEEC and KYTC.

KEEC has a surplus of KUPEE funds. UK returned \$29,000.00 and U of L returned \$19,000.00. KEEC is still considering returning U of L their surplus.

Council staff have applied for federal stimulus money in the amount of \$215,000 to operate the Green & Healthy Schools Program, as well as to hire an expert to sit at the table when the new Program of Studies is being written. We will know whether or not we receive funds by July 1, 2009.

Jane expects the KEEC is in good standing financially for operations for the approaching 3 years, especially due to its stimulus package money. However, our PRIDE fund interest is dropping due to current market interest rates on the fund investment

Green and Healthy Schools

Ms. Eller formally introduced Merin Roseman, newest staff at KEEC, who will coordinate the Green & Healthy Schools Program and EEinKentucky. Merin indicated that 94 schools are enrolled in the program and pledges come through daily. KEEC will distribute 55-60 awards to 35 schools that earned certificates, 10 plaques, 7-10 banners, and 5-6 flags. Mr. Brown indicated he still was organizing efforts in Shelby County to require all Shelby schools be green.

Certification

Ms. Eller reported that the certification course is regionally focused this year and all workshops are being held at McConnell Springs in Lexington, Kentucky. This allows people who wish to drive home each night to do so. Since enrollment is higher than average this year, this strategy seems to be working and we will probably conduct another regional class next year as well.

KUPEE

Ms. Eller reported that there is one KUPEE proposal not received. The Council received a surplus for the 2007 grant. University of Louisville returned \$19,500 to the Council. University of Kentucky shall return \$26,000.00. The council members considered giving the University of Louisville surplus back to the university. The budget office is investigating if the money may be returned. It was motioned that the council would reconsider the decision to return University of Louisville's surplus money to the university at the next council meeting. Jane intends to keep Pride money this upcoming fiscal year for operations. The earnings are down to \$36,000.00 due to drops in interests.

Master Plan

An extended retreat will be scheduled for the Council from July 21 through July 22. This will be an overnight stay. The purpose of the extended retreat is for the Board to map out a work plan for the upcoming fiscal year and to review master plan recommendations and their revisions which are created as a result of the work of the master plan committees.

There being no further business, Mr. Brown adjourned the meeting.

W Horace Brown, Chair

Jane W Eller, Executive Director KEEC